

## SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR AUDITING THE SECURITY OF AN ENTERPRISE

### ABSTRACT

A method and apparatus is provided for auditing the security configuration of an enterprise having plural nodes. The method comprises collecting security information from the nodes of the enterprise under audit, analyzing the security information and providing a first result of this analysis; and then comparing this first result with a second result comprising security standards applicable to the enterprise under audit and one or more other enterprises that together form a relevant peer group, the result of this comparing step indicating the security of the enterprise under audit relative to that of the peer group of enterprises. The apparatus comprises an apparatus that carries out these same steps.